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EGYPTIAN-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED ON PALESTINE

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(EGYPTIAN-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT ON PALESTINE ISSUED ON 18 OCTOBER)

(TEXT) VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED IN DETAIL REGARDING THE PALESTINE QUESTION AT THE MEETINGS AND TALKS HELD DURING THE STAY OF THE GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE FINAL AND COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WHICH MUST BE REACHED AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT SECURING THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THEIR RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR NATIONAL ENTITY.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE TWO SIDES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT PLO REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN AN INDEPENDENT CAPACITY AND ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE OTHER PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE TWO SIDES ARE WORKING FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE CONFERENCE'S WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE RESOLUTION ISSUED BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 29TH SESSION INVITING THE PLO IN ITS CAPACITY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION.

THE TWO SIDES CONSIDER THE RESOLUTION INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION TO BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. IT REFLECTS THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE GAINED BY THE PALESTINE QUESTION. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL ADOPT A CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD SECURING THE PALESTINIAN LEGITIMATE RIGHTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE JOINT EFFORTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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